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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, with some of the delegates from foreign countries who attended the Jalsa Salana, 1979.

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MALFOOZAT

SIGNS OF GOD

Our Jamaat does profess faith but the base of faith are Signs (of God). Although a man may not realise it, there definitely are some weaknesses in him and so long as those weaknesses are not removed, high grades of faith cannot be achieved—and these weaknesses can be removed through nothing but the Signs. Now, God wishes that these weaknesses should be removed through the signs so that the Jamaat may advance in its faith.

The time has arrived that God should show them innallaha alaa nasrihim la-qadeer (i.e. God has the power to help them). The truthful and the liar and the embazzaler and the unjust are not hidden from the sight of God. It is essential now, that all the groups of people should join forces to try to uproot me as it happened at the time of the battle of Ahzab. Whatever is happening now denotes the wish of God. The dream that I had which showed me standing on the shores of Nile and some people shouting that they were caught, shows that a time might come when the Jamaat would be almost despaired. But I have great certainty that God will prove my truth with severe onslaughts. At that time these people (the opponents) will try all they can to redress their regret for the charge of murder (which could not be proved.)

The people do not believe the things which I place before them as having been received from God but they will see how I am honoured.

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Do not go beyond the bounds

On Friday the 11th of January, 1980, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III drew the attention of the Jamaat to the fact that it was of vital importance that true believers should not side with the unjust people.

Huzur commented on the verses 113, 114 of Sura Hood. He remarked that these verses very clearly showed that God has given a warning to the human beings not to go beyond the bounds and get themselves deeply stuck in the mire of sin otherwise they would have to face punishment. The word 'zulm' that has been used in these verses means to create disorder, to create circumstances for two nations to fight among themselves, to usurp the land of others, looting and murdering the people and to wage international wars. Those who can stop these things ignore their responsibility and thus they become deserving of the wrath of God. In order to shun this path God has told us that we sh uld incline towards Him and to pray to Him that He may protect them against the destruction which they call for themselves.

Huzur said, "We are not in a position to stop the big powers from waging wars and thus save them from being unjust but we can definitely hold the hand of that Be ng who can stop these powers. We can pray to Him (that is what we mean by holding His hand) that mankind has taken itself to the pit of destruction and he may now be saved. Today man seems to be bent upon showing cruelty to man; let us pray to God that He may send His angels to protect man and get him inclined towards piety and righteousness. It is only through constant prayers that we can be included in that category which is termed as the people who incline towards God. Let us do that; let us be one of those who are not with the unjust. That is the only way that we can save ourselves from the fire of war that the people are trying to kindle. In fact we can see that the war is imminent. It is there in offing."

Huzur referred to the prophecies about the advent of the Promised Messiah and said, "The Promised Messiah has also pointed out that the signs of the advent as mentioned in the prophecies include a very devastating war—this war would be such that as a consequence of it there would be places where all signs of life would be exterminated,

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not only human beings, but every kind of living things would become non-existent. The world has witnessed two instances of this kind. If now a third world war is imposed on the people, there might be very large tracts of land from where life would come to an end. The nations who consider themselves to be most civilized and cultured are the cruelest and most unjust for it is they who are engineering this imminent war, instead of trying to stop it.

DO NOT USURP THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS

None can hold the Hand of God if He chooses to punish someone

In his Friday Sermon on the 25th of January, 1980, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III drew the attention of the members of the Jamaat to the fact that the teachings of Islam in connection with the financial transactions tended to create contentment and prosperity.

Huzur recited some verses from the Holy Quran and commenting upon them said, "The Holy Quran very clearly tells the people not to usurp the property of others unjustly. There are various ways in which the people do that. The worst of these ways is that the people take the cases to the court, knowingly that they do not have the right to what they are claiming. They swear by God and thus make God, Who also knows that they are not the owners of what they are asking for, their witness. This is a great sin."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih told the audience the economic structure of Islam together with the instructions that it gives for the financial transactions was the best as compared with other religions. "God tells the people that even if the court decides the case in their favour when they are actually in the wrong, there is none who can hold His hand and stop Him from punishing them for the wrong they do," he said.

One of the things that we are told in connection with the trade is that the bargain must be concluded with the consent of both the parties ; it can never be one sided. Huzur said, "When I went to West Africa and visited Nigeria, within a few days the impression that I had was that God had given them everything, but everything had been taken

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away from them by their previous rulers. The then Head of the State having heard this opinion from me spontaneously said, 'How true it is, how true it is."

The best thing for the people is to turn to God and act upon His instructions, Huzur said. He further remarked that that was the only way of keeping things straight and getting contentment and peace and prosperity for all. He prayed to God that all of us may be enabled to act according to the Will of God and all of us may be blessed with the favourable consequences.

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Ahmadis in Nigeria Confer

The Ahmadiyya Nigerian Information Service reports that the 30th Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Nigeria was held on the 23—25th of December, 1979. The President of the country, His Excellency Alhaji Shehu Shagari, the Governor of the Lagos State, Alhaji Lateef Jakande, the Governor Bisi Onabanjo and many others sent their hearty greetings and messages of admiration for the work of the Ahmadiyya Mission in the field of morals, education and health. These messages were in addition to the Messages sent by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III and the Vakil-ut-Tabshir, Tahrik-i-Jadid.

(It will be of interest to note that Alhaji Shehu Shagari, Alhaji Latif Jakande and Bisi Onabanjo are old friends and they are fully aware of the activities of the Mission. When the Nigeria Union of Journalists and the Nigerian Press club were formed there, Latif Jakande and Onabanjo were its foundation members and the then Amir and Missionary in charge of the Ahmadiyya Mission (Naseem Saifi) was the Vice President of the Union and the Treasurer of the Press Club. All the three worked very closely for the betterment of the journalists and the newspapers.)

The Message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, reads as follows :

R a b w a h
Dated 11.12.1979

Dear Brethren,

Assalamo Alaikum,

It is a matter of great pleasure to know that you are holding your Annual Conference on December Twenty third, Twenty fourth and Twenty fifth. May Allah bless this conference and its participants and make it a source for spreading Islam in Nigeria and the neighbouring countries. Ameen.

On this occasion I wish to draw your attention to the spiritual revolution that the Promised Messiah has b r o u g h t about in the world. At the time of his advent, Islam and Muslims were passing through a period of extreme helplessness and decadence. Muslims were

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poor and ignorant. Political power and influence had deserted them. They were bankrupt and were suffering from a sense of frustration. They had lost even the will to rise and join the living nations of the world. Islam was attacked from all sides and there was no one to defend it. Christianity was the most bitter and the most active of Islam's enemies. Christian missionaries had gone out to all the countries of the world leading a bitter onslaught against Islam and Muslims. Christian political power and wealth were most eager to help them. Christianity was so confident of its victory that its missionares had declared :

1. The Continent of Africa was in their lap.
2. There would not be a single Muslim left in India.

And against all this the Promised Messiah was alone except for a few of his poor followers. They had no money, no power, no political influence. But God, Who is the Lord of all the worlds was his Helper. And He had told him to proclaim that the days of Islam's triumph were at hand. He declared God had told him that ; "All faiths shall perish except Islam and all weapons shall break except the heavenly weapon of Islam which shall neither break nor be blunted until it smashes the forces of darkness into smithereen. The time is close at hand when the pure unity of God that even dwellers of deserts who are ignorant of all faiths feel in their hearts, will spread throughout the world.

Since this was prophesied, the religious world had been completely changed. The continent of Africa, as you know better, instead of joining the ranks of Christianity is gathering under banner of the Holy Prophet of Islam. In Pakistan and India the Christian Missionaries feel shy of even raw Ahmadi youth.

The signs of the fulfilment of these prophecies are daily becoming evident. The triumph of Islam over all other faiths is nearer than ever. But this lays a greater than ever responsibility on our shoulders. We should prepare ourselves and our children to welcome the century of victory and triumph of Islam. We should welcome it in a true spirit of humility and prostrate ourselves before God Almighty in gratitude and thankfulness. We should, now more than ever, try to lead

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our lives according to the tenets of Islam. We should try to bring up our children according to the teachings of the Holy Quran. So that when, in the century of the triumph of Islam, people enter its folds in hosts we may be able to serve as their teachers and guides.

It is for this reason that I have asked you, time and again, to study the Holy Quran and the books of the Promised Messiah, which are, in fact, the commentary of the Holy Book. So that you may truly understand Islamic teachings and lead your lives accordingly.

I have no need to remind you that I love you dearly and pray for you daily. May Allah blesss you and your children. May He have mercy on you and grant you all that is good in this world and in the next. Ameen.

Mirza Nasir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih III

Goodwill Message by His Excellency, President SHEHU SHAGARI, to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission on the occasion of the 30th Annual Ahmadiyya Conference taking place in Lagos between 23rd and 25th December, 1979.

I am pleased to have the opportunity of sending to the entire members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission of Nigeria my very best wishes on the occasion of your 30th Annual Conference. I have observed with satisfaction, the steady progress being made by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission in the field of gospel propagation and the establishment of schools, hospitals and clinics. The Mission's efforts in this direction, have been commendable and worthy of emulation by all voluntary organisations. My administration fully supports the initiative of all well-meaning Nigerians to establish through communal efforts, schools, hospitals and other social services provided that they render service without any sectional or religious inhibition.

2. It is my belief that voluntary organisations including religious bodies should identify themselves with the national endeavour to provide the much-needed social services that will raise the quality of life of our people and ensure the progress of our society. The Ahmadiyya Mission should justifiably be proud with the quality of men and women produced by its educational institutions and who are now rendering invaluable services to the development of this country.

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3 It is my hope that, in all your evangelical service to the nation, you will lay emphasis to the right upbringing of our children and promote the true gospel of Islam which enjoins its adherents to be peaceful with God and mankind, to show love and affection, to promote better understanding and avoid all acts that will undermine the peaceful co-existence of mankind. It is the duty of your organisation to work even harder in the years ahead for the promotion of better religious understanding and the general upliftment of the society's spiritual values.

4. May God be with you and provide the very best for the Federal Republic of Nigeria. THANK YOU

In his inaugural Address on the occasion of the 30th Annual Conference, Maulana M. Ajmal Shahid M.A. stressed the peaceful aspect of the teachings of Islam. He remarked that Islam did not and would never tolerate unjust attitude of oppression and cruelty. Maulana Ajmal said, "Islam is a religion that preaches and makes the people practise all that tends to develop a peaceful atmosphere."

The Conference was attended by no less than 5,000 people who had gathered for it from all the nooks and corners of the country—and from the neighbouring countries too.

Maulana Ajmal told the audience that the Jamaat could never support the un-Islamic activities which were being carried out in various parts of the world, in the name of the Holy Quran and Islam. The Holy Prophet, Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, was kind, courgeous, and large hearted. He did not cherish rancour for anyone nor did he show prejudicial attitude towards his enemies.

He vehemently condemned the attack on the Khana Ka'aba and remarked that no Muslim in any part of the world could ever condone this kind of sacrilegeous acts.

Mr. Justice Ishola Oluwa, who presided over the first session of the Conference, expressed his great admiration for the work that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is doing in various fields of life.

Before starting the deliberations of the Conference, the Amir, Maulana Shahid, and Justice Ishola Oluwa jointly hoisted the flags of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and the country (Nigeria).

In the closing session, the Amir laid the Foundations Stone of the building of a new Clinic. It will be of interest to note that one of the first clinics in West Africa was opened in Nigeria almost twenty years ago.

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Mission Activities

Sierra-Leone :

Alhaj M. K. Bongay, General Secretary of the Ahmadivya Muslim Mission, Sierra-Leone reports that the Amir and Missionary in charge—Maulvi M. S. Shahid—visited the Ahmadiyya Muslim Secondary School, Freetown where he was received by the Principal—A B Kamara—the staff and the students.

Addressing the Assembly of the School, the Amir traced the history of Ahmadiyya education in the country starting from 1938 when the first Primary school was opened by the Mission.

The Amir stressed the point that the Mission was out not only to give secular education but it also catered for religious education. The emphasis has always been on the Islamic atmosphere of the Ahmadiyya Schools; the spiritual, social and cultural upbringing of the students has always been the main aim of the Ahmadiyya schools.

The Principal—Mr. A B. Kamara—outlined the progress of the school from the very start of this institution whose first principal was Maulvi B. A. Bashir.

The Amir was accompanied by Maulvi Majeed Ahmad, Missionary in charge for the Western Area, General Secretary, Alhaj M. K. Bongay and Mr. F. S Bangue.

Mr. B A. Akhtar, Principal of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Bo, reports that a student of his school has passed the final examination with distinction and has secured first position in the Southern Province; he is Mr. Hassan. Well versed in theology, he used to interpret the conversations of the ex-Amir (Naseem Saifi) in the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Bo.

Mr. Akhtar also says: The month of November saw us very busy with the arrangements for the football matches; as it is well known we are the champions in the Province for the past two years. We had to play against the Government School, Bo and God was so good as to make us the winners. The final was played against the Comprehensive. God be praised. We won the match and thus became the Champions once again.

Switzerland :

Maulvi Naseem Mahdi, Missionary in charge, Ahmadiyya Mission, Switzerland reports: "The people are increasingly getting interested in Islam. They want to know more about it and the more they come in contact with the Missionaries of the Ahmadiyya Mission, the more they begin to appreciate the beautiful teachings of our noble religion.

"Recently a Seminar was arranged by the Catholics and the Protestents. The theme was: Eastern Religions professing faith in one God. Two days were devoted for talks on Islam. The first session of the Seminar was held on the 30th of October while the second was held on the 27th of November, in a very spacious Church."

Mr. Naseem Mahdi says that Sheikh Nasir Ahmad and he addressed the audience in German language and explained various aspects of the teachings of Islam.

In the second session of the Seminar which was held on the 27th of November Mr. Naseem Mahdi spoke on the status of women in Islam. Sheikh Nasir Ahmad answered some of the questions that had been sent to the Mission on the speeches in

the first session.

At the end of the Seminar, the Chief Organiser said, "Both the sessions of the Seminar have added a great deal to my knowledge about Islam. It has given me a great surprise to know that Islam is a religion of peace and it helps to produce mutual understanding ; I used to think that it is just an aggressive force that this religion lets out. Some of us have been objecting to the idea of Jihad whereas if we look at the history of Christianity we will find that a lot of blood has been shed in the name of religion. We must never forget this aspect of our own religion."

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Indonesia :

Chaudhri Mahmud Ahmad Cheema, Missionary - in - charge, Ahmadiyya Mission, Indonesia reports that during the past few days nine-persons have joined the Jamaat and two Jamaats have been established while foundation stone of the Mission House has been laid in the island of Bali.

Chaudhari Sahib in the company of some dignitaries of the Jamaat, met the Deputy Commissioner of Ojong Pandang and presented some Islamic literature to him.

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United Kingdom :

Seeratun Nabi Meeting was held in Watford, reports Mr. Naseem Ahmad Bajwa, one of the Ahmadiyya Missionaries for the United Kingdom. This function took place on the 4th of November and it was presided over by Chaudhari Muhammad Zafrulla Khan. The speakers included, Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Missionary in-charge Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, United Kingdom ; Mr. Munirud Deen Shams, Mahmud Ahmad Mukhtar and some local dignitaries. The topics for the speeches were ; The Holy Propher, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, was the perfect manifestation of the Divine Being ; The love that the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam, had for the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallho alaihi wa sallam ; The Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, has established the dignity of man.

The function was followed by a sumptuous dinner.

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Ghana ;

The Ahmadiyya Girls' Vocational Training Centre which was established in Nykrom in 1978 was formally opened on the 13th of October, 1979. The function was presided over by the Paramount Chief of the locality. In his inaugural address the Paramount Chief drew the attention of the public to the training of the women in domestic affairs. He urged them to send their daughters to this Centre.

A Memorandum was read out by Maulvi Yusuf Yausan in which it was outlined that the Ahmadiyya Mission did not cater for spiritual values alone, it also cared and struggled for better achievemets in social and economic spheres of life. The memorandum mentioned the educational institutions as well as the Health centres.

Maulvi Yausan was followed by Mr. Haneef Keelson. General Manager of the Ahmadiyya Education Unit and the Chairman of the Central Region (where Nykrom is situated). Mr. Keelson outlined the history of education in the country with reference to Ahmadiyya activities in this field.

Maulvi Abdul Wahab Adam, Amir and Missionary - in-charge of

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the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Ghana, thanked the audience for their presence and the interest they had shown in the Training Centre. He expressed his admiration for the Paramount Chief who had been most helpful in the opening of the Vocational Training Centre.

Maulvi Abdul Wahab also mentioned the Health Centres and the services they are rendering to the public of the country.

The function over, all those present proceeded to Swedro where they were entertained by Dr. Tariq Ahmad, Medical Officer, Ahmadiyya Hospital, Swedro.

Liberia:

Mr. Mohammad Ali, B. Sc, B T.. an Ahmadi teacher in Liberia reports that the people of a village three miles away from the school invited Mr. Rafiq Ahmad, the Principal of the School to lay the Foundation stone of their mosque.

Mr. Rafiq, accompanied by some teachers and friends of the Jamaat, reached the village and found that the building that was intended to be erected was not facing the Ka'aba. He therefore fixed the direction of the building with the compass and whatever had been done so far for the structure of the building was reconstructed to see that the building which was to be called a mosque was properly built and it faced the Ka'aba. Although this process caused a day's delay in laying the foundation stone, it pleased the people of the locality very much. When all the necessary arrangements had been made, the foundation stone was laid in a simple but impressive ceremony with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the prayers of all and sundry.

Mr. Rafiq, in his address to the audience, explained the position of the mosque in the Islamic structure of society and told them that all the mosques had to be built on the model of the mosque of the Holy Prophet about which he is reported to have said that he was the last prophet and his mosque was the "last" mosque which actually meant that all the mosques in future would be built on that model.

Mr. Rafiq also drew the attention of the inhabitants of the village to the fact that the erection of the mosque would add to responsibilities and he hoped that all of them would understand and fulfill them with pleasure.

The name of the village was changed on the request of the inhabitants. It was known as Kasawa Farm; the new name given to it—and liked by everybody—is Nakhla.

The function attracted seven persons to the Ahmadiyya Jamaat who signed the Bai'at Form which have since been forwarded to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III for his kind approval.

(We should like to suggest that the Baiat Form should be distributed like the other literature, for, it has the conditions of Baiat printed on it and these conditions are the real and true Ahmadiyyat in a nutshell. Editor)

A Friendly Debate

Mian Mohammad Ibrahim, Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary for the United States of America, reports that recenly he had an opportunity of a friendly debate in a Christian Missionary College. He has been addressing the staff and the students of this College

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for the past four years but this is the first time that the meeting was arranged in the form of a debate. The topics for discussion as suggested by the authorities of the College were as follows:

1. Bible or The Holy Quran—which of the two could be relied upon.
2. The distinctive aspects of Islam, from the Ahmadiyya point of view.
3. The philosophy of the sin and the 'death' of Jesus on the cross.

Dr. Woodbury, a Professor at the Grand Rapido Mich, repre"ented the Christians. It is of i"terest to note that Dr. Woodbury has worked in Pakistan, and some Middle East countries.

Mian Mohammad Ibrahim reports that the discussion took place in a very friendly and receptive atmosphere. In his concluding remarks he thanked the hosts for their liberal attitude and requested them to continue pondering over the points that he had placed before them

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W ork like a team and spread the teachings of Islam

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A Message from Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil Aala and Vakilut-Tabshir to the Ahmadis in Ghana on the occasion of their Annual Conference held in January 1980.

It affords me very great pleasure to know that you are holding your Annual Conference. I pary to God that He may shower His blessings on your deliberations and enable you to think, talk and act in the interest of Islam As you know the Ahmadiyya Jamaat has a very great responsiblity which God has laid on its shoulders in connection with the establishment of the Shariat of Islam all over the world. All of us have to join hands and work like a team for the achievement of this objective. I should therefore like to advise all of you to put in your efforts to the best of your abilities, move forward hand in hand with praises of God and fervent prayers on your lips, and deliver the message of Islam to every soul in all the nooks and corners of the world.

I should like to draw your attention to the need for publication and distribution of literature. Your Jamaat is very lucky to have been able to publish the Holy Quran. May God bless all of you for this great service and may He enable you to continue rendering this kind of service not only to your country but to the whole of mankind.

It must be remembered that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is out to serve mankind in all the spheres of life and we have to keep ourselves prepared for any little good that we can do to anyone whoever he might be. The standard of our educational institutions and health centres should continue to rise high so that we can fully meet the need of suffering humanity.

In the end I pray to God that all the prayers that the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam, offered to Almighty Allah for the participants of the Jalsa Salana at the Headquarters may also be accepted for the participants of your Annual Conference

Please convey my hearty greetings to all those who are present and also to the rest of the members of the Jamaat in the length and breadth of Ghana.

Opening of a Secondary School

Maulana Mohammad Ajmal, Amir and Missionary-in-charge reports that the formal opening of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Iginle, took place on the 19th of October 1979.

The Jamaat at Iginle was established some thirty years ago. The first step towards educational development was to open a Maktab i.e. an Arabic school which was later on turned into a Primary school. It will not be out of place to mention here that our Schools of whatever type or standard, they take keen interest in the tcachings of religion and Arabic.

Despite the fact that the conditions laid down by the Government of the country for the opening of Secondary Schools—a number of buildings and a huge sum of money in the Bank—are very hard, God has, through His grace, enabled the Jamaat to turn the Primary into a full fledged Secondary School. The function held for the formal opening of this school was started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mufti Ahmad Sadiq. He was followed by Mr. Khalid Ahmad Zufar, the Principal of the School, who dilated on the objects of the function also appreciated the efforts of the local Community and the well wishers of the Jamaat who had greatly helped in the establishment of the School. The function was brought to a close with silent prayer led by the Amir ; light refreshments were also served.

Maulana Ajmal also reports the formal opening of a Mosque in Benin ; it has taken three years to complete this mosque.

The function was a part of the Circuit Meeting which was held on the 2 th and 21st of October. It was presided over by the local Chief, Imam Alhaj Otokiti.

Addressing the Gathering Maulana Ajmal dilated on the importance of the mosque in the lives of the Muslims, as well as in the society.

After the formal opening of the mosque, Foundation Stone was laid for the erection of a Mission House.

May God bless all these activities. Amen.

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Singapurna

According to a Release from Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-ut-Tabshir, Tahrik-i-Jadid, Mirza Mohammad Idrees, Ag. Raisut Tabligh, Indonesia has informed the Office that a Jalsa was held at Singapurna on the 6th of January at which all the organisations of the Jamaat were represented (Lajna Imaillah, Nasirat, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya). The attendence was 450. The local Officers of the Goverament also attended the Jalsa and showed great interest in the deliberations.

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Kenya

The Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in Kenya which was held on the 14th, 15th of December was attended by hundreds of people. This information has been given by Maulana Mohammad Munawar, Missionary in charge, Ahmadiyya Mission, Kenya. The Gathering was addressed by 24 speakers in three languages. An interesting aspect of this Jalsa was that no less than 200 Christian friends also attended and were highly impressed by the serene and sobre atmosphere. They listend to the teachings of Islam about various aspects of life, with rapt attention. The African Christian Missionaries who attended the Jalsa opined that they had increased their knowledge of Islam and its teachings through the speeches delivered at the Jalsa.

The deliberations of the Jalsa were covered by the Press as well as by the Radio and the Television. In addition to the news of the Jalsa they highly admired the activities of the Mission in the field of education and the financial help that the Mission gives to the needy. The Jalsa was held at Matowa.

29th of February

Better mark the 29th of February, in your Diary. That is the day by which you should have paid 6/15 of your promise for the Ahmadiyya Centenary Fund.

Will you please check up how much have you paid so far and what is left to come upto the standard fixed by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III?

May God help all of us to do all that is required of us. Amen.

NOTES & COMMENTS

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The World Ahmadiyya Medical Association

Approval has been given by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III for the following Office Bearers of the World Ahmadiyya Medical Association:

Sahibzada Dr. Mirza Munawar Ahmad—President
Professor Masood Ahmad (Lahore)—Vice President
Dr. Latif Ahmad Qureshi (Rabwah)—Secretary
Dr. Bashir Ahmad (Bahawalpur)—Assistant Secretary
Dr. Mirza Mobashir Ahmad (Rabwah)—Treasurer

The following three Doctors have been appointed Counsellor:

Dr. Mohammad Jee Ahmadi; Dr. Qazi Munawar Ahmad; Dr. Abdus Sami

Dr. Salam's gratitude

On the second day of the Jalsa when Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III called upon Dr. Abdus Salam to address the Gathering during his own speech in the second session, Dr. Salam said, "Fifteen years ago my father—for whose forgiveness of sins and shortcomings I should like to ask the friends to pray—wrote the following in his Diary:

'Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, wrote to me while I was in the United Kingdom to the effect that he could see in the offing his son fulfilling the prophecy of the Promised Messiah. The words of the prophecy are: The mebmers of my Sect will attain to such excellence in knowledge and God-realisation that they will close the mouths of all through the light of their truth and arguments and Signs (of God). O ye who are listening, do remember these words of mine and keep these prophecies of mine safe in your boxes; these are the words of God and they must be fulfilled one day."

"I am full of the praises of God and gratitude for Him that He has heard the prayers of the Imam (the Khalifatul Masih), my parents and the members of the Jamaat, which they had offered constantly, and has provided for the happiness of the world of Islam

and Pakistan. (The Doctor here shouted the slogan of pakistan Zinda-bad, and the whole Gathering followed him with this slogan)

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"Hazrat Ibrahim, alaihissalam, had prayed for his spiritual posterity that God may incline their hearts towards them. During the past few weeks I have experienced the same kind of love and affection from the President of Pakistan and from the public throughout the length and breadth of the country. I am grateful to them from the core of my heart. In the end I bow down in prostration before the Almighty Lord and I ask you all for further prayers. Wassalamo alaikum."

It was very interesting and encouraging to see the Doctor in Pakistani dress-Achkan, Shalwar and turban-as he was dressed when he received the Nobel Prize in Sweden.

"Meem Sheen" a notable journalist of Pakistan who met the Doctor when he reached Lahore after the Jalsa Salana has given a very beautiful description of his meeting with him. Doctor Sahib has given the story of his turban as to how he tied it and who are the people who had to offer help for this arduous task. It had to be tied many a time and the whole process got it de-starched. But the Doctor was happy that he was in Pakistani dress and thus the cynesure of all the eyes. He became the pivotal point for the newspapers and Radio and Television correspondents. That gave Pakistan very great publicity.

Singles in America

The Lutheran Church says: Today there is one single man or woman for every married couple in the United States. This means that one third of the adults of our country are single—never married, widowed, or divorced. Many are lonely.

"Being single and lonely is not a new problem. The first single—Adam—was lonely. God was concerned about his loneliness. And He solved that problem for Adam. He said, "I will make a suitable companion to help him." (Gen. 2:18, Good News Bible)

"The helper was Eve, the first bride "given away" to the first groom, Adam, by God Himself."

(Tahrik-i-Jadid): The loneliness of Adam and the loneliness of the singles in America are not at par. Adam, as it has been mentioned

above, was single and lonely when there was no woman for him to have as his spouse. The singles in America are singles of their own choice or under the compulsion of circumstances or environmental hurdles.

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The fact is that the singles in America draw our attention to there being some-thing wrong with their way of life.

The beliefs that they have, do not guide them fully. The morals that they are taught (within the four walls of their worshiping places) do not keep good company with them; they do not let them come up to the standard that could save them from unwanted hardships. Their lives are very discontented and they do not find the light that can show the way leading to consolation of soul. They are groping in the dark.

The Expanding religoin

A century ago our Christian friends said that Islam would be wiped out from the world. Christianity they felt—rather held it like a belief—was the religion of the world and it would very soon capture the strong-holds of Islam. But that century was the century of the Promised Messiah's advent and through him, Islam had to eombat the religion of the cross. The result of that combat is that the Christians have now changed their views about Islam. Now they call it an 'expanding religion'. It is indeed now an expanding religion. It is being preached by those who have joined the Promised Messiah at the behest of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. They feel that the restoration of the honour of Jesus Christ lies in proving that the Cross was not able to kill him. He survived it, as God had told him that he would.

In order to keep them (the Lutherans) well informed of what Islam teaches and how the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam (the Ahmadiyya Jamaat) is trying to expand its with the certainty that this is the Age of Islam and its supremacy, we have sent a 'kit' of Islamic literature to the publishers of the "Lutheran Witness", U.S.A.

Let us see what the "Lutheran Witness" says about the Muslims (and Islam) in its issue for April 1979. It says:

The multiplying millions of Muslims in the United States and the world are awakening the consciences of Christians. It is urgent that we be informed about their beliefs and prepared to share our faith with them.

Up to five million Muslims are in the United States each year as students, tourists, businessmen, investors in banks or land, etc. About half a million blacks (and some whites) have converted to Islam. Another million Muslims have immigrated to this country as permanent resident. A $ 20 million mosque is being constructed in Manhattan.

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In England, where Methodism was born, Muslims now outnumber Methodists. In France there are twice as many Muslims as Protestants. The world Muslim population has reached 720 million ; Large numbers live in oil-rich countries and have impressive political clout.

We need to learn more about the growing Islam population and accept the new opportunities for contact, dialogue and witness. A kit, "Witnessing to Muslims," is available for 4.50 $ 4.50 from 205 Yonge St., Rm. 25, Toronto, Ont., Canada M5BIN2. Your local library will have general Information on this expanding religion.

H. E. The President of Nigeria writes

Nigeria (West Africa) has now got a new President ; he is a civilian and he is Alhaji Shehu Shagari. When he was a Minister in the Balewa Government he visited Pakistan and since then he is a good friend of this country.

Alhaji Abdul Aziz Abiola, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission addressed a letter of congratulations to Alhaji Shehu Shagari. In reply to this letter, Alhaji Shagari said that he was personally grateful to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission for its all round activities. He also remarked that there could be no doubt about the fact that the name of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission will always shine in the history of the country as those who have strnggled for democracy and law and and order. The Alhaji added that the Spirit of the Mission had strengthened their own determination to build up a new Nigeria, which indeed was a challenge for everyone.

In the end he appealed to the Mission to continue giving him full co-operation in the execution of his arduous duties.

Slides & Movie Films

Tell somebody that our Missionary in such and such a country has addressed a Gathering on the teachings of Islam and the Christians also appreciated the speech. The man will be impressed. But show him the Missionary speaking and a Christian Padre appreciating his speech the man will be very highly impressed. He will never forget the scene.

How can you do that when the Missionary is at a distance of perhaps thousands of miles? You can do so through slides or movies. You see the importance of the slides and the movie films.

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Do send us your slides or movies. Let the people know-rather see-the work that you are doing. Not for your sake, but for the sake of the propagation of Islam.

Let all of us show keen interest in this method of propagation of the activities of the Missionaries.

Vakalat-i-Tabshir, Rabwah

What they say

The President of Nigeria, Alhaji Shehu Shagari, says that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is justified to claim that it has poduced men and women of great ability for the service of the country through their educational institutions. These men and women have given very valuable services to their motherland.

The Governor of the Lagos State, Nigeria, says that it is no wonder that the Ahmadiyya Mission is speedily spreading the teachings of Islam and along with it, the Mission is also helping the people with educational and health institutions. The Mission is indeed serving the citizens of this country without any distinction of colour or creed.

The Governor of the Cross River State Nigeria says that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat (in Nigeria) has dedicated itself to save our deteriorating society by spreading the Islamic teachings about morals and by giving the spiritual values to all and sundry.

Members of Majlis Tahrik-i-Jadid
Anjuman Ahmadiyya for 1980 C.E.

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Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, has announced the appointment of the Members of the Majlis Tahrik-i-Jadid, Anjuman Ahmadiyya, as made by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III. This announcement has appeared in the Daily Al-Fazal for 19th of January, 1980.

Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad	—	President, Vakil--A'ala and Vakilut Tabshir
Mian Abdur Rahim	—	Vakilut Diwan
Malik Ghulam Ahmad Ata	—	Vakilut Zara'at
Ch. Shabbir Ahmad	—	Vakilul Mal (1)
Ch. Mubarak Muslih-ud-Din	—	Vakilul Mal (II)
N. M. Naseem Saifi	—	Vakilut Ta'alim
Maulana Nazir Ahmad Mobashir	—	Member
Sahibzada Mirza Mansoor Ahmad Nazir Aala, Sadar AnjumanAhmadiyya	—	Member
Mr. Mahmud Ahmad Sadr, Khhuddamul Ahmadiyya	—	Member
Mr. Mujibur Rahman, Advocate	—	Member
Ch. Anwar Hussain, Advocate	—	Member
Sh. Mohammad Ahmad Mazhar Adv.	—	Member
Ch. Hameed Nasrullah Khan	—	Member

Signed (Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakli-i-Aala)

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He looked at our correspondent with a glint in his eyes and said, "I should like to ask all of you to pray for me that God may give me more of knowledge and enable me to work for Islam." He also wished his salam to be conveyed to everybody through the "Tahrik-i-Jadid".

May God be with Mr. Ibrahim wherever he goes and wherever he lives and may He make him a great servant of Islam. Amen.

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All Pakistan Nasir Basketball Tournament

The Thirteenth All-Pakistan Nasir Basketball Tournament was played here at Rabwah from the 25th to 28th of January. Twenty Teams from all the parts of the country participated.

The Trophy was won by Habib Bank who defeated the Army Team. The third position was obtained by the Fazl-i-Omar Club of Rabwah.

In addition to the prizes given by the authorities of the Tournament Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III very graciously gave three thousand, two thoushnd and one thousand rupees to the first, second and third Teams respectively.

The Habib Bank was captained by Mr. Abdur Raheem Tariq while the Army and Fazl-i-Omar Teams had Hussain Mahdi and Zaheer Shah as their Captains respectively.

The Prizes were given away by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III who graced the Tournament with his presence in the last session.

A very interesting part of the Tournament was the match played by the old hands; they were the old and reputed players who had thrilled the people in their hay days. The winning team scored seven points as against six of the other team.

Among the Guests of Honour for various sessions were Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad, at one time the President of the Basketball Federation; Col. I. S. Dara, Vice President of the World Hockey Federation and the President of the Asian Hocky Federation Ch. Hameed Nasrullah, Amir of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Lahore. The last session was graced by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.

A Dinner was arranged for the players, their Coaches and the Managers of the Teams. Quite number of the Dignitaries of Rabwah were also invited. Huzur graced this Dinner with his presence and many of the invitees had the honour of discussing things with him.

Quranic Class

In order to implement the scheme of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III in connection with the teaching of the Holy Quran to every young Ahmadi (Huzur has said that there should be no young man in the Jamaat who should not be able to read the Holy Quran) the Additional Nazir Islaho Irshad has announced that arrangement has been made to teach the Holy Quran at the Masjid Mubarak and all the students and other young men are invited to participate. Students coming from places other than Rabwah will find suitable arrangements for their lodging and feeding. Of course they must bring a note from the Amir of their Jamaat to identify them.

This class continues throughout the year and that men as that any body can participate at any time of the year—it depends on his own convenience. Deserving students will be given a stipend of Rs. 20 monthly.

A Danish Ahmadi

Mr. Ibrahim of Denmark, after attending the Jalsa Salana, stayed at the Headquarters for a month or so. During this period he continued his studies in Theology. He also finished the Yassarnal Quran and started reading the Holy Quran. When he was asked about his stay at the Headquarters he said "I am so glad that I had the opportunity of staying here for a month or so. This period has been of vital importance to me. I have now tried to understand the organisation and its working; I have made very good and lasting contacts with friends whose kindness will always remain fresh in my mind. I have tried to add to my knowledge and I must say that my reading of the Yassarnal Quran and starting the reading of the Holy Quran is one of the greatest blessings that I have been favoured with during this stay.

"I am all appreciation for every body here and I can assure you that I will always pray for everyone, especially those who have looked after me, helped me and given me insight into the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Whatever the circumstances through which I have to pass and wherever I am I shall always think of the days spent at Rabwah and I shall always tell my friends the beauties of Islamic Teachings that I have come across here".

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61st Majlis Mushawarat

It has been announced by the Secretary, Majlis Mushawarat, that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, may God be his Helper, has approved 28th-30th of March as the dates for the Majlis Mushawarat. The venue will be the Aiwan-i-Mahmud, Rabwah.

Aiwan-i-Mahmud is the Hall erected by the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya for which further funds are needed and the President of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya has appealed to the members to contribute generously.

Donation for Refugees

The Ahmadiyya Jamaat has donated twenty-five thousand rupees towards the President's Fund for the Refugees who have crossed the border from Afghanistan.

It is said that the refugees now number no less than five hundred thousand—a large number indeed for Pakistan to feed them. May God help the refugees and also may He make Pakistan prosperous.

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OBITUARY

It is announced with great regret that Chief Mustafa Bongay of Bo, Sierra Leone, passed away after a brief sickness. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon.

Chief Bongay had joined the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in the early days of its establishment in Sierra Leone. A very sincere and zealous member, he was always in the forefront and did everything that he possibly could to further the cause of the Jamaat. The workers of the Mission, be they Missionaries or teachers, always received hearty cooperation from him.

He was the uncle of Alhaji M.K. Bongay, General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Sierra Leone.

May the deceased rest in peace and may the members of his family follow in his footsteps in helping the cause of God. Our heartfelt condolences go to the whole family of the late Chief Mustafa Bongay and also to the entire membership of the Jamaat in Sierra Leone.

Praise be to Thee

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Thou seest in Thyself but Ahmad
And blessed art Thou through Mohammad
We follow Thee in all the nights, but
Wait for Islams Zindabad

Thy peace descends upon Thy moon
Thy sun art naught but holy fire
We pray to meet Thy Grace quite soon
So that the humans may fly higher

Into Thy lap like Adam and
All those who long to see Thy Face
United through The Prophets band
Which knits together human race

We art but weak though Thou art not
If Thou but willst this pain will go
Thou paintest white the darkened dot
Which made the heartbeat going slow

In Thee sheer Grace and Mercy Thou
Hast pardoned us through just Thyself
Before Thee only those heads bow
Who know that Thou art sea and shelf

So grant us understanding for
Thy might embraces all and naught
And open for us every door
So that in Thee we might be caught

Accept just our wish to be
Loving and humble, wise and brave
Grant us to pray, which is the key
For all success of Islams wave.

Hadayatullah Jamal